

"Teachers Who Care" 2006



For professional achievements and leadership in the field of English-language teaching, 7 respected educators were recently honored in a dignified ceremony organized by IC-ACE (an EducationUSA Advising Center) at the American Corner, Chiang Mai University. U.S. Consul General Beatrice Camp & RELO George Wilcox of the U.S. Embassy-Bangkok presented awards to the second cohort of "Teachers Who Care" before a gathering of peers, administrators and international guests. Significantly, the ceremony was broadcast via Digital Video Conferencing technology to American Corners around Thailand.

Officially known as The Joint Initiative to Recognize Distinguished Teachers of English, "Teachers Who Care" is an innovative project to identify distinguished English teachers in northern Thailand. It is jointly organized by the U.S. Embassy (RELO Office) and IC-ACE, with participation by U.S. Consulate General-Chiang Mai.

In his opening remarks, Mr. George Wilcox (U.S. Embassy's Regional English Language Officer) noted this timely expansion of a project started in 2004 to honor & support leading English teaching professionals. Co-organizer Mike Hock of IC-ACE went on to say it was a humbling experience to meet distinguished teachers who have given so much to students and communities in major northern Thai cities of Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Lamphun, and Lampang.



"Teachers Who Care" have individually demonstrated their long-term dedication & leadership to advance the teaching of English and appreciation of U.S. culture & education. While congratulating the Cohort of 2006, Consul General Beatrice Camp shared her sentiments, "If they had had such awards and shown such appreciation when I was teaching English, I might still be doing so!"



U.S. Consul General Beatrice Camp (2nd left), RELO George Wilcox (seated 2nd right) & Prof. Kathleen Bailey (Monterey Institute of International Studies, seated right). Standing: members of the First Cohort, "Teachers Who Care" 2004.

Presenting: *"Teachers Who Care" 2006*



From left: Senior Counselor Mike Hock, IC-ACE
 U.S. Consul General Beatrice Camp
 Mrs. Walai Chompoorat, The Prince Royal's College, Chiang Mai
 Mrs. Sujitra Sattayarak, Yupparaj Wittayalai School, Chiang Mai
 Mr. Suparek Mahawan, Suanboonyopatum Lamphun School, Lamphun
 Mrs. Amporn Sangklub, Samakkee Wittayakom School, Chiang Rai
 Mrs. Sungkhaya Boonma, Navamindarajudis Phayap School, Chiang Mai
 Mrs. Pritchayaporn Aphivinitakul, Lampangkalayane School, Lampang
 Mr. Chainam Riddhiraksa, Chak Kham Khanathon School, Lamphun
 RELO George Wilcox, U.S. Embassy-Bangkok

Members of the First Cohort of "Teachers Who Care" were invited forward to witness the occasion, and then each new "Teacher Who Cares" received from the Consul General a handsome trophy & a Letter of Recognition. Before concluding the formalities, RELO George Wilcox presented both cohorts of "Teachers Who Care" with commemorative bags of Royal Ivory white tea from Ayana Highland Trust.



Combined cohorts of *"Teachers Who Care"*
 at the American Corner, Chiang Mai University

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